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Presidents Report

Hi everyone,
I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the cooler months and traveling around the country. A few things have happened with the main one being the election, the results will mean different things to different people but looking at it purely from an Association viewpoint it wasn't the greatest result with so many independents to be dealt with it is going to be difficult for us, but we are still in a pretty good position so we will see what we can do.
Over the Easter weekend Maggie and I represented the Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs an Association that our Association is also part of and I am also the president of at the 25th National Street Rod Federation event to promote the Classic Registration Scheme, what an amazing event with over 900 hot rods on display, it was great to catch up with some of the people that we have met over the years and put names to faces. It was amazing how many wanted info on four-wheel drive clubs, so we ended up representing us as well.
May is shaping up to be another big month for me, but the highlight will be the Quarterly meeting which will incorporate COCO. This will be a great opportunity to get together with other clubs and show how good you are with a camp oven and just have fun. At this meeting I will also give a report on the first meeting that I have had with the National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Joint Management Stakeholder Consultative Group, looking forward to catching up with everyone, cheers.

Craig Thomas
President

Camp Oven Cook Off (COCO) - Crookwell May 20th and 21st (incorporating the May Quarterly Meeting)

Tickets on sale now!

COCO 2023 - May 20th and 21st

- Cook off on Saturday
- 5.30pm nibbles
- Trivia Saturday night
- Quarterly meeting on Sunday morning. Breakfast & Lunch provided.
- Hot showers
- Plenty of powered sites, caravans and camper trailers welcome.

Come along and show off your cooking skills or trivia knowledge. There are trophies and prizes and lots of fun for everyone. Crookwell is a beautiful area and is worth spending a few days looking around. Lots to see and do. Quarterly meeting on Sunday morning and everyone is welcome. See how it all works and have a nice lunch before you leave for home. Caravans and camper trailers are welcome and powered site are plentiful. Hot showers and plenty of indoor spaces to stay warm.

Tickets are $30 each adult with children under 15 free. (up to 3 nights) so a couple can stay for 3 nights for $60 or $70 if you add power.

Camping available Friday and Saturday and Sunday nights.

COCO Tickets HERE

Secretary catch up email. - Sent April 11th 2023

If you are a secretary or delegate for your club and didn't receive the email sent recently please contact office@4wdnow.com to update your email address.

2023 Membership Stickers

Clubs that did not attend the AGM will need to contact office@4wdnow.com to supply a postal address for the membership stickers.
Please do so ASAP so you can get the stickers on cars for access to State Forests.

We have had some feedback from Clubs that have been approached by rangers to verify their membership with the Association in the Wolgan State Forest. There is no cause for concern

as long as you have your membership sticker. The sticker proves that the fee has been paid and you are legally allowed to be there. Remember that if you don't pay (or have a valid membership sticker) you are trespassing. Trespassing will void your insurances, so please ensure all of the members cars have their stickers.

You still need to email the local office and let them know you will be in the forest but you don't need to make any payments. Contact Maggie if you have any questions.

4WDers fined heavily for causing significant damage in Pinnacles Reserve

Published: March 17, 2023

Two drivers who unlawfully drove through a protected wetland area in north Queensland have been fined more than $1,400 each after their cars and debris caused significant environmental damage.

The ABC reports that the drivers were among a group of 11, including two children, who illegally entered an unauthorised zone in the Pinnacles Reserve near Townsville last month.

Their six vehicles were abandoned after they became bogged in a heavy downpour.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service senior conservation officer Craig Dunk told the ABC that it turned from something relatively simple into a dangerous event.

Some of the vehicles sunk up to their axles. PIC: Queensland DES

“Ultimately it meant that at about five o’clock in the morning they then made a call to QFES, police and SES,” Mr Dunk said. “Six people I believe were taken out on the helicopter and another five were taken by the swift water rescue team.”

The vehicles, some bogged to the axles, remained in the protected area for weeks afterwards.

Some of the damage caused. PIC: Queensland DES

Mr Dunk said litter, including broken snatch straps and rum cartons, was found among the vegetation.

The damage to the reserve is estimated to cost about $50,000 dollars to repair.

Mr Dunk told the ABC that the drivers who escaped fines were cooperative with authorities.

“Four of the people that were involved actually came into our offices and explained themselves and explained what happened,” Mr Dunk said. “We were a bit more lenient with those people [and] issued formal warning notices rather than infringement notices to those people.”

Mr Dunk said the other drivers were not as cooperative.

He said the protected area had been accessed through an area critical to firefighters.

“It was accessed via a fire break and the fire break is very important to allow fire vehicles to protect that part of the reserve or potentially protect our neighbours,” he said.

Mr Dunk encouraged people to check the weather forecast before four-wheel driving, and stay on approved tracks and roads.

The two fines issued were $1,437 each.

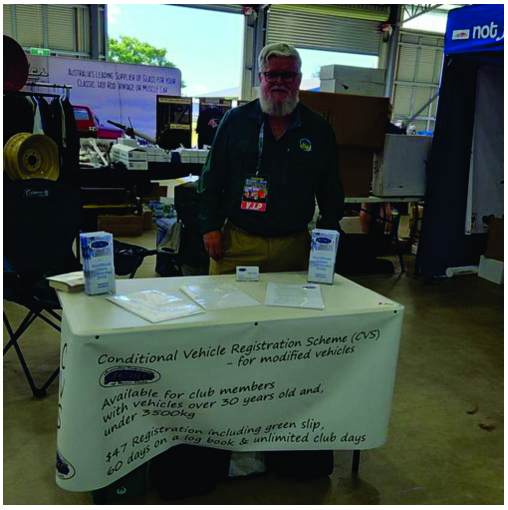
Credit Grey Nomad Times

Adventure Show Eastern Creek
Sept 8th - 10th 2023

The Booking Portal (www.4wdnow.com) is **open right now**. Make your booking for a free Club Stand or Region Stand.
Volunteer portal will open a bit closer to the show date.

Promotion of all clubs at car events.

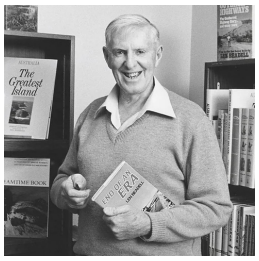
Craig Thomas, President of 4WD NSW and ACT and ACMC working the ASRF Nationals last weekend promoting CVS registration to car enthusiasts.
I was there as the RP for TfNSW helping to promote the scheme for all groups under the ACMC banner.
It was a great way to meet up with members and potential members for all our clubs.
Dave Clift (below right) is the ASRF President.



ACMC - Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs represents over 800 000 members. Craig represents us on Vehicle Standards Working Groups and with Transport for NSW.
ASRF - Australia Street Rod Federation over 11 000 members Australia wide are a member of the ACMC.
CVS - Classic Vehicle Scheme for conditional registrations for club members with a 30 year old vehicle.
RP - Responsible Person for Transport for NSW.

Maggie Thomas

Picture gallery celebrating Len Beadell's 100th Anniversary



This is up and running on website www.lenbeadell.com.au

The Gallery is accessed via the Home page where a large heading will be found "Len Beadell Centenary Gallery 2023" and underneath the heading there is a 'button' titled "Gallery" which will take you straight in to the Gallery. There are lots of cartoons and drawings on quite a number of pages, and with many of them if you click on the individual drawing or cartoon, there is an explanation provided.

It's all very entertaining and informative and is well worth a look. Len's very dry sense of humour is certainly on display.
The gallery should be available on the website for up to about twelve months but I wouldn't delay in having a look at it, as you never know what might happen in the future.
We all certainly owe Len a big 'thank you' for what he achieved, as I'm sure we all enjoy the fruits of his and the Gunbarrell Construction Party's labours.

Clean up Day in the Hunter March 5th 2023

First off please pass on thanks to your members who participates in this years Hunter Region Clean Up Australia Day event.

We had 5 clubs participate. Central Coast 4WD Club, Gold Eagle 4WD Club, Land Rover Owners Club, Newcastle & Districts 4WD Club & Port Hunter 4x4 Club.

The results of our efforts are;

- **7.4 tonnes of mixed waste removed**
- **141 tyres removed**
- **Asbestos found not included in total**
- **vehicles not included in total**
- **One matter investigated – no formal action**

Please let your member know the results.

Regards

| Brock Smith | 4WD NSW & ACT Inc. |Tel: 0439 036 077

| Hunter Region Secretary |

| DTU Subcommittee Secretary |

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

It's PO BOX renewal time soon or is it?

There are not many clubs that still use cheques to pay affiliation fees. Only 11 in 2022.

PO BOX 835 will not be renewed this year.
For the few clubs that prefer to post a cheque you still can.

Please use 4WD NSW and ACT Inc.
PO BOX 328,
Seven Hills NSW 1730

This is the Clever Postal address and I empty it everyday, I also use it for the ACMC CVS processing, so one box for everything.
This will save money, time and confusion.

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September 8th 9th and 10th 2023

Put it on your trip calendar now and start your plans for a club stand.

The Volunteer (www.4wdnow.com) will open a bit closer to the show date.
Booking portal is open NOW to register for a Free club stand.

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?
You are welcome to use the Association account.
Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.
office@4wdnow.com

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.
If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature
after it then it is a message from me.
If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club
please email office@4wdnow.com.
Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.
The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an
extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.
- Maggie Thomas.

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